

*VSBE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Qualified Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

**November 13, 2008**

**DOE, Berlin**

**A G E N D A**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Call to Order Approval of Minutes <b>1(A)</b> Correspondence/Announcements Board Member Updates Staff Report <b>2(A)</b> Agenda Preview	Action
8:45 – 10:30 a.m.	VSBE Action Plan, 2008 – 2010 <b>3(A)</b>	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Restructuring the Relicensure Process – summary & next steps	Discussion
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.	VSBE Action Plan, 2008 – 2010 - Continued	Discussion
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Approve Action Plan	Vote
	Review Revised Policies <b>4(A)</b>	Discussion
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Praxis Testing <b>5(A)</b>	Discussion/Vote
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

*\*The action listed next to each agenda item represents the intent of the Standards Board at the time the agenda is printed. It is possible that action may or may not be taken on any item listed on the agenda.*

## **Items Discussed/Approved at November 13, 2008 VSBPE Meeting**

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The Department of Education, Berlin

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Bruce Richardson, Dolly Corkins, Susan Jensen, Janet Steward, Ronald Stahley, Judith Jones, Russell Agne, Sheryl Aliquo, Kathy Finck.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stephanie Taylor, Cassandra Major.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Mark Oettinger, Rebecca Otis.

**VISITORS/OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Fannon, VT NEA.

**CALL TO ORDER:** B. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 17, 2008 meeting.

R. Agne **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the October 17, 2008 meeting.** J. Jones seconded. **Motion passed.**

### CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Howe informed the Board that the Upper Valley Principal Institute (UVPI) sent a thank you letter to the Board. Pearson/Merrill Education has requested permission to republish the *Five Standards for Vermont Educators* (Apple Book) document. The Board will seek guidance on this issue from M. Oettinger.

### BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

J. Steward informed the Board that she, B. Howe and H. McCollum received an email invitation from S. Gile requesting that they attend a conference on behalf of the VSBPE in North Carolina hosted by the teacher education center. The conference will focus on gathering information on teacher workplace conditions.

H. McCollum informed the Board that the National Center on Teacher Quality has partnered with 12 states to work on mentoring / induction systems to analyze teacher quality. The NEA will be administering a similar survey in March. At this time, the DOE will not be contributing any funds to the NEA in this venture.

H. McCollum inquired about the status of the Commissioner search. B. Howe stated that Monday will be the interview day. Candidates will interview with constituent groups from all over VT as well as the SBE. The SBE will then hear from each of the groups and make the final decision.

### STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team

There were no additional comments on the staff report.

## **VSBE Action Plan, 2008 – 2010**

M. Richardson gave the Board a moment to review the action plan and discuss the previous changes that were made. The Board then broke into committees to work on Action Plan strategies and action steps.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

### **Legal Matters, M. Oettinger**

M. Oettinger gave a brief update regarding the candidate interviews for the Commissioner's position. He also spoke about the Governor's proposed 34 point plan. A copy of the DOE's proposed changes to the 34 point plan was distributed. He detailed the pieces that will have a direct impact on Teacher Licensure.

A copy of the VSBE's draft waiver rule was distributed. M. Oettinger spoke to the Board about the document and its indications. The Board will review this further at its next meeting and make a decision on moving this forward. Once the document is ready to be moved forward, a packet will be sent to stakeholder groups to review. A meeting will then be held to meet with the stakeholder groups to solicit their feedback.

The Board then spoke about an email R. Otis received from Pearson/Merrill Education. They have requested permission to republish the *Five Standards for Vermont Educators* (Apple Book) document. M. Oettinger responded that the Board could either draw up a formal document granting permission to use the document under certain circumstances, or they could reply that the document can be used at the VSBE's discretion.

### **VSBE Action Plan, 2008 – 2010 Continued.**

During the break, MB. McNulty merged the notes from both committees into one document. The Board then reviewed the changes and made additional changes. MB. McNulty will finish editing the document and the Board will vote on this at their December meeting.

### **Review Revised Policies**

B. Gross spoke to the Board about the changes that were made to several of their policies. The Board made several changes to the policies. The Board will vote on these policies at their next meeting.

### **Praxis Testing**

A. Bordonaro spoke to the Board about the history of the Praxis II test. In the past and currently, applicants seeking Early Childhood Education; ESL; Reading/English Language Arts and SPED endorsements have not been required to take a Praxis II test. This is because the tests that have been available did not closely mirror the VT educator licensing endorsements and requirements. The licensing office is re-visiting the question whether Praxis II tests should be offered in these licensure areas; they are also considering requiring Praxis II as a condition of HQT in these areas.

The Board tabled this discussion until their December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:03 p.m.